

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Stina ROTH et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/535,442)	Examiner: S. Pohnert
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Filed: May 19, 2005)	Confirmation No.: 8832
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For: NUCLEIC ACID PROBES AND)	
BROAD-RANGE PRIMERS FROM)	
REGIONS IN TOPOISOMERASE)	
GENES, AND METHODS IN WHICH)	
THEY ARE USED)	

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply. Attached to the Amendment and Reply are a reference (Wiesinger-Mayr et al., BMC Microbiology 7 (2007)) and figures (Figs. 1 and 2) cited in the remarks section. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, extending the period for response from October 21, 2008 to November 21, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, and consider the following remarks: